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NOTES, COINS SECURITY PANEL MEETING

27 August 1970

1. The meeting was held at 1000 hours at HQ Building, CIA. In attendance were:

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2. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved unchanged.
3. A discussion of the need-to-know controls paper was held. It was suggested by [redacted] that the checking to be performed by each system to be expanded to cover a full validity check of the query, if each participating agency would supply to all the other agencies the validating algorithm used by their system/query language as a FORTRAN package.

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[redacted] proposed that instead of passing the classification indicator in the message header, that the file names involved be passed from the transmitter, and again from the

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system responding to the query. Using this mechanism would permit a double check to be made--first on the outbound side, that the requestor was authorized access to the files, and again on the inbound side that the requestor/terminal is authorized to receive data from the files involved in the request. The redundant information in the file names list would catch transmission errors that might change the classification indicator, permitting potential misrouting of responses.

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[redacted] agreed to the suggestion. It was agreed that the DIA and CIA representatives would investigate as to whether the file name(s) are as easily available in their systems, and report at the next meeting. If it is feasible to use file names throughout, the need-to-know proposal will be revised accordingly.

4. The proposed panel charter revision was reviewed, with no changes recommended.
5. It was requested that the COINS project manager obtain copies of the WARE Report, and the DCI Computer Security Policy paper for members of the panel.
6. The Panel notes with regret that [redacted] DIA Member, will be leaving the Service soon, and no longer available to assist us.
7. The next meeting will be held on 1 October at 1000 hours at NSA. The NSA member will advise us of the ^{room} ~~new~~ member.

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Chairman

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